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The Travelers' Club of this city has already accomplished a world of good, and should have the hearty encouragement and support of all our merchants. It is the headquarters of visiting merchants, and its rooms have a ready been the scene of receptions to strangers that will be pleasantly remembered. The club's membership is about ninety; it should be at least 500. Every merchant and every citizen of means should hold up the hands of so useful an organization.

The storm which yesterday reigned along the Gulf coast was very destructive. The wind blew at the rate of forty-five miles per hour, and with great violence; the tide in Mobile bay rose higher than was ever before known. In Galveston the waves washed up the street car track, and the vessels at the dock were in great danger of being driven in from the constant and serious wash of the waves that cut off the land were running mountains high. That there will be great damage to shipping is naturally to be expected, and perhaps much loss of life, but let us hope that Galveston may escape the fate of overwhelming disaster which has several times recently threatened her.

WESTWARD the star of empire takes its way. Kansas City is outstripping Chicago in beef and pork packing, because, as Armour says in an interview published elsewhere, the corn belt has been moved farther west, and hogs and cattle must be slaughtered and packed as near the place of growth as possible. This is the most modern of ideas in connection with manufacture. Where the iron is there it is to be smelted and manufactured, and where the cotton is grown there it, too, must, in the near future, be manufactured. The items of freight, handling and insurance must be saved to the consumer. Not the wages of the mechanic but the profits of the middleman must be cut down and speculation thus rendered impossible. Competition is pushing the manufacturer closer and closer to the producer of the raw material, and within a generation the mechanic, now the sufferer from lockouts and strikes, will be making common cause with the planter and farmer, who are now crushed and ground to powder between the gambling bucket shops.

An official circular notifies the public that the eighteenth annual meeting of the American Woman Suffrage Association will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives, at the capitol, in Topeka, Kan., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 26, 27 and 28, 1886, commencing on Tuesday afternoon, October 26th, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., and holding either consecutive sessions at 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock p.m. Well known speakers have been invited to address the convention—the president of the association, the Hon. Wm. D. Foulke, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Lucy Stone, Henry B. Blackwell, Mrs. Mary E. Haggart, of Indiana; the Rev. Annie H. Shaw, the Rev. Louis A. Banks, late of Seattle, Wash. T.; Mrs. Margaret W. Campbell, of Iowa; Mrs. S. M. Perkins, of Ohio; Mrs. G. K. King, of Nebraska. Prof. James G. Clark, of Minnesota, will furnish music. Maj. Hudson, of Topeka; M. A. Dorsett, of Minnesota, and others, have agreed to be present. The suffrage question in all its phases will be discussed, and it will be urged that the State organizations do all they can to secure for women the right to vote for school trustees and at municipal elections as first steps toward securing enfranchisement.

The presence in the city of 300 merchants from the neighboring State of Missouri affords the merchants of Memphis an opportunity of which it is fair to assume they will avail themselves. It is such an opportunity as St. Louis or even Chicago might covet, and Cincinnati would not fail to hail with gladness. It is an opportunity that brings our energetic and pushing business men face to face with merchants who represent the young West, to whom all the accomplished facts of the old and conservative communities of the East are yet so many possibilities to strive, struggle and contend for. They come from a country which is still inviting emigrants, and where energy and pluck and public spirit are the great factors in promoting growth and enterprise. Bound to us by the Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis railroad, the communities represented by our visitors desire to trade with us in preference to St. Louis, and will do so if they find upon inspection that they can buy as cheap here as there. But they not only want to buy, but to sell. Memphis they hope to find and will find is the best market for the sale of their products. It has the advantage of being at the head of perpetual navigation on the Mississippi, and is nearer to the sea by 500 miles than any other commercial mart on the great river or its tributaries. It has all the advantages of a great distributing point, and is already known to be a desirable market for grain and live stock as well as cotton and groceries. But it can be made even more desirable. Every increase of custom is a step in that direction, hence it is that we regard the presence of so large a number of Missouri merchants as an unusual and most desirable opportunity for the business men of Memphis, who should also open wide their doors and impress their guests with the social influences as well as the business facilities of the city.

A DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE

PLAYS HAVOC ALL ALONG THE GULF COAST.

Old and Staunch Levees Swept Away and the Water to the Depth of Five Feet

IS WASHED UP INTO POINT LA HACHE.

Galveston Under Water Again and the Waves Mountains High Outside—High Water at Mobile.

NEW ORLEANS, October 12.—The wind was blowing a gale last night. Dispatches from towns on the Mississippi coast report a gale prevailing all day on Mississippi sound. The steamer Chalmers, Capt. Byrne, from New York, which arrived yesterday, reported that she came by the inside route along the Florida coast, and encountered heavy easterly gales, with heavy rain. From Tortugas to Port Eads heavy gales were experienced with high, irregular seas. On Sunday, October 10th, she encountered several hurricanes, lasting seven hours, and backing from east to north, thence to the south. The seas ran mountains high, continually flooding the vessels' decks and so her staterooms fore and aft. Lake Pontchartrain was filled with water from the Gulf, and a gale yesterday from the same direction caused an increase of the lake tide, the water overflowing the marshes in the rear of the city and filling the canals bankfull. A break in the old basin levee on Broad street was reported at midnight last night. The velocity of the wind was thirty-six to forty miles an hour and increasing.

Later.—The easterly gale continues, but little damage has been done in the city. The Lake and Shell roads are submerged. Milneburg and Spanish Fort are flooded. At Shell Beach one was reported along the submerged road track, and the inhabitants nearly all left for the city last night. The Louisville and Nashville road from Michael to Pearl river is inundated and several bad washouts are reported. The company is making efforts to keep the rails in line. The telegraph wires along this section of the road are all down.

Telegraph, telephone and electric light wires suffered considerable damage. There were no trains in or out of this city over the Louisville and Nashville road to-day. Several washouts are reported along the submerged section between Michael and Safford and Pearl river. The transfer of passengers and mails by this route will be made by boat between Milneburg and Pearl river.

OLD AND STANCH LEVEES TORN AWAY.

A special to the Times-Democrat from the Mississippi quinine station says: One of the most terrific and damaging hurricanes since 1860 was visited in this neighborhood yesterday and last night. For thirty-six consecutive hours the wind blew a regular hurricane from the north-east, driving the water from the bay and destroying the property of the unfortunate inhabitants of this place, who had hardly become reconciled to their hard fate of having no orange crop this year, caused by the heavy frost of last year. This latter trouble, however, would have been surmounted had it not been for this disastrous storm, which leaves a majority of its most beautiful orange groves, and people almost penniless. The storm, or more properly called a cyclone, was of such violence as to tear away old levees of seven years' standing, carrying destruction to late rice planters. Last night all the inhabitants of this place were a distance of a mile in water three feet deep to reach the United States custom house for protection. Dr. Ahey, the quarantine physician, and his family were driven from their home and forced to seek refuge in the custom house.

POINT LA HACHE UNDER WATER.

Distressing news has been received from the lower coast regarding the effects of last night's storm. The water in the town of Point La Hache, in Plaquemine parish, is several feet deep, having been driven in from the gulf. Many persons took refuge in the courthouse and jail. The water rushed in with such force that it carried everything before it. The levees, which along this section are very low, were overtopped and swept away, and the water rushed into the Mississippi river, carrying with it the rice stacked on the farms in the vicinity of Point La Hache and for twenty miles below. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

PANIC AND DESTRUCTION AT POINT LA HACHE.

The Times-Democrat has the following concerning the storm at Point La Hache: The gale began blowing Sunday evening, and increased all day Monday and last night at Point La Hache and Grand Prairie, on the east side of the river. The water of the Gulf began to back up, spreading over the rice fields first, and then rising in front. Men, women and children deserted their homes and fled for safety, some taking refuge in the courthouse and some going to Mr. Hayden Wilson's, at the upper end of the Union settlement. The water stood five feet in the road beyond the levee, and broke through it, running into the river in several places. The entire crop of rice in the fields has been swept away and destroyed. Here and there a few stacks could be seen on the levee, but all the rest was scattered or swept into the Mississippi river. These unfortunate people have lost almost everything they possessed, as the crop was their sole dependence. As far as can be ascertained there was no loss of life. Many small buildings destroyed the way on Monday at Point La Hache. The excitement of the inhabitants was intense, and it was not until the water began falling Tuesday morning that they experienced a sense of relief. The rats blown in has killed all the grass and vegetables and destroyed the straw stacks, which thus leaves the stock there without fodder for the winter. Grass there was almost their main dependence. The gardens are gone, and this will curtail the supply of the city somewhat. The damage has extended over about 35 miles along the east side of the river, commencing at a point about forty miles below the city and extending below Quarantine. It was the severest storm experienced here since 1860. Large numbers of wild animals, such as coons, muskrats,

BLAINE IN PENNSYLVANIA

CANVASSING FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION IN 1888.

Hewitt, of New York, on the Tariff Question—The Brothers Taylor Still Marching On.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

BROWNVILLE, TENN., October 12.—All came yesterday evening and Bob arrived at noon today, and was greeted by a great display of democracy at the depot. After a brief acknowledgment of the compliment tendered him, a procession, with music, marched to the courthouse, where the speaking occurred. The Hon. Ben J. Lea introduced Bob. Bob, though not well, made one of his most masterly, telling speeches, and was applauded from the bell weather like sleep with all the procession, with music, marched to the courthouse, where the speaking occurred. The Hon. Ben J. Lea introduced Bob. Bob, though not well, made one of his most masterly, telling speeches, and was applauded from the bell weather like sleep with all the procession, with music, marched to the courthouse, where the speaking occurred. The Hon. Ben J. Lea introduced Bob. 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